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Applicant : Alan R. Tall

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For : HUMAN ABC1 PROMOTER AND ASSAYS BASED THEREON.

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO AUGUST 28, 2003 OFFICE ACTION
AND PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action issued August 28, 2003 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the August 28, 2003 Office Action was due November 28, 2003. Applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time from November 28, 2003 to December 28, 2003. The fee for a one-month extension of time is \$55.00, for a small entity. Accordingly, a response to the August 28, 2003 Office Action is now due December 28, 2003 and this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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